

BAY AREA SERVICES TO UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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Overview of Project



Research Methods

- 25 individuals interviewed from 16 immigrant-serving organizations
- Breakdown of expertise:
 - Arts/culture (1)
 - Catholic Charities (1)
 - City (1)
 - Independent consulting (1)
 - Education (1)
 - Federal (2)
 - Legal Services (8)
 - Philanthropy (2)
 - Social Services (3)
 - County (1)
 - Health (2)
- **Two surveys released on July 14, 2015**
 - Legal service providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baylegalservices4ucs
 - Social Service Providers: www.surveymonkey.com/r/baysocservices4UCs

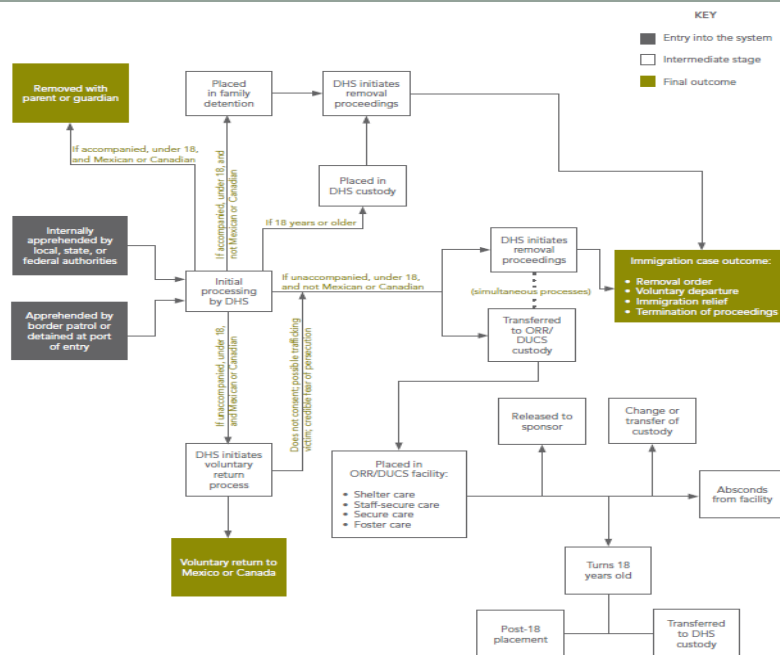
List of Organizations Interviewed and Surveyed

Alameda County Health Care Services	Immigration Legal Resource Center
Alameda County Office of Education	Inspiration Quest
Alameda County, Center for Healthy Schools and Communities	Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay
Asian Americans for Community Involvement	Justice and Diversity Center
Bar Association of San Francisco	Law Office of Helen Lawrence
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
Catholic Charities of the East Bay	Legal Assistance for Seniors
Center for Gender & Refugee Studies	Legal Services for Children
Centro de Ayuda Legal para Inmigrantes	Oakland Unified School District
Centro Latino Cuscatlan	Office of Immigration Affairs, City of San Jose
Catholic Legal Immigration Network	Office of Refugee Resettlement - Office on Trafficking in Persons
Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto	San Francisco Foundation
Covenant House California East Bay	San Francisco Mayor's office
Culturestrike	San Francisco Unified School District
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant	Santa Clara County Library District
Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and refugees	Santa Clara County Office of Human Affairs
Huckleberry House	SF Department of Public Health
Human Services Agency SF County	Social Justice Collaborative
Immigrant Legal Resource Center	UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic
Immigration Center for Women and Children	UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
	USF Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic

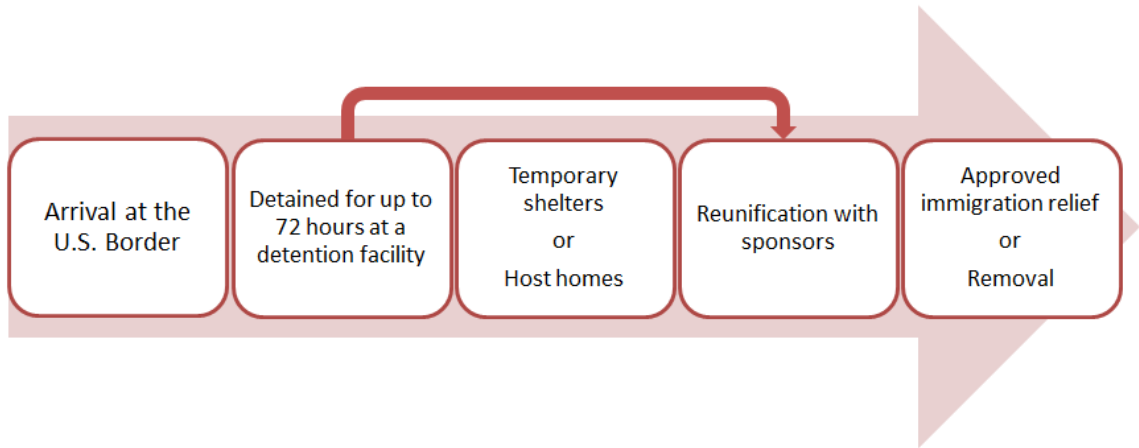
Arrival of Unaccompanied Children to the Bay Area



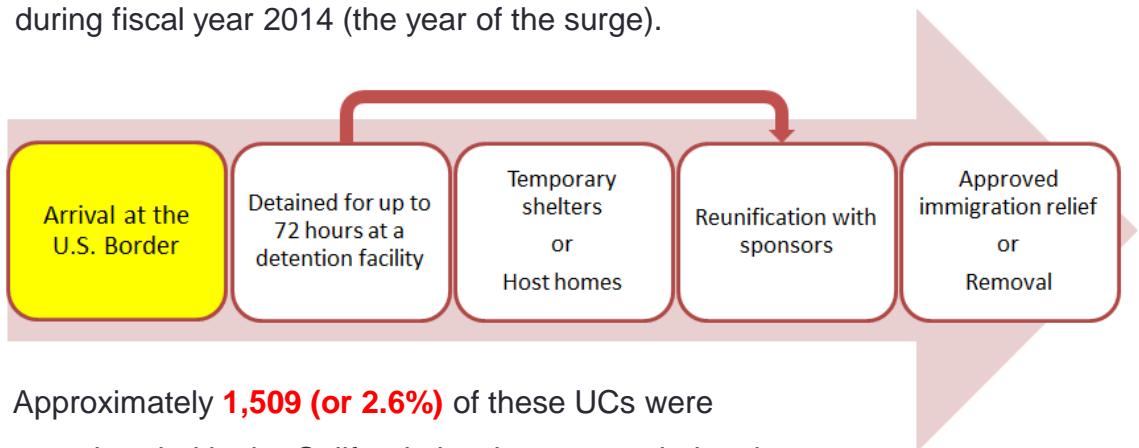
How did these children arrive to the region?



A simpler version...



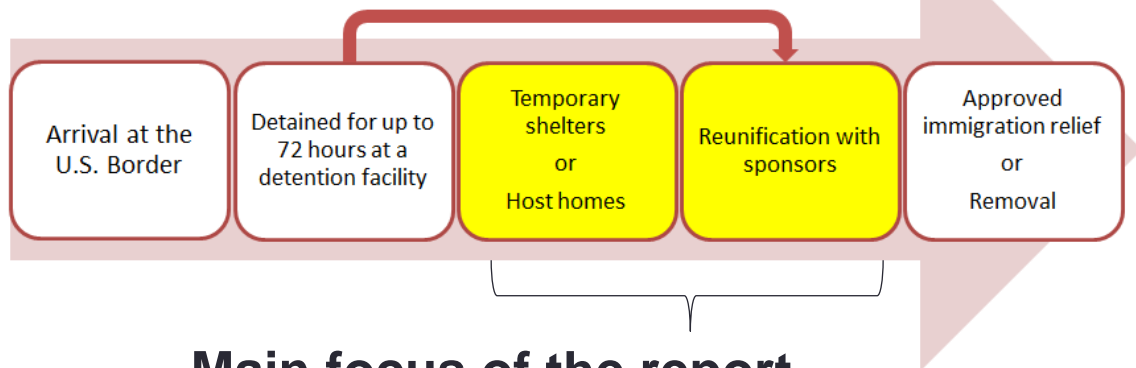
CBP reports a total of **57,478 UCs** apprehended on the border during fiscal year 2014 (the year of the surge).



Approximately **1,509 (or 2.6%)** of these UCs were apprehended in the California border sectors during that same year.

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Statistics Page

Although the majority were apprehended in Texas, ORR data indicate that the most common **destination** for UCs in fiscal year 2015 was **California**.



UCs Released to Sponsors

FY 2014		FY 2015	
Texas	7,409	* California	1,945
New York	5,955	Texas	1,775
* California	5,831	Florida	1,606

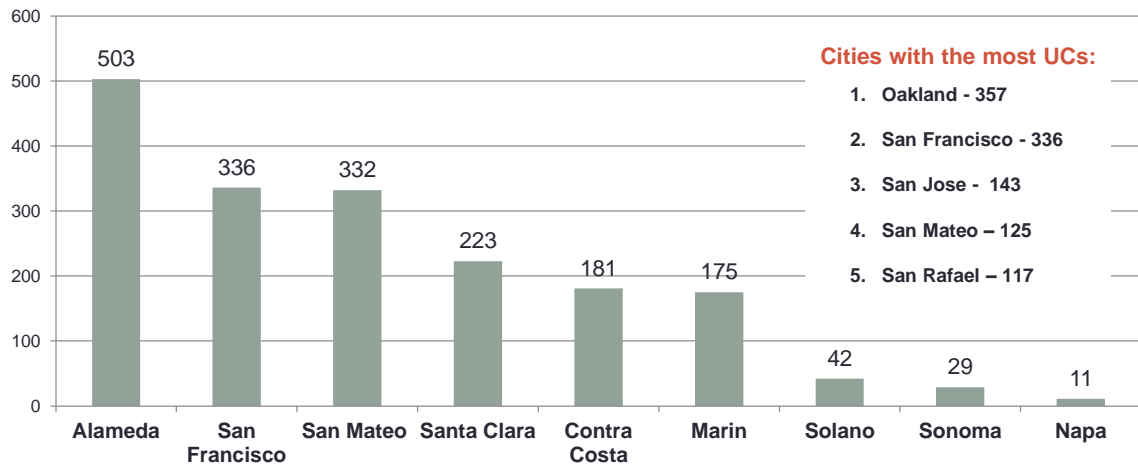
- In fiscal year 2014, **1,853 UCs** were released to sponsors in the Bay Area (**32%** of all UCs in California).
- The Bay Area was the **second largest** region of settlement for UCs in California, next to Los Angeles.

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Where did they go?

Minors Released to Sponsors in the Bay Area

Between January 2014 and May 2015



Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement

The Bay Area
Response:
Legal and Social
Services



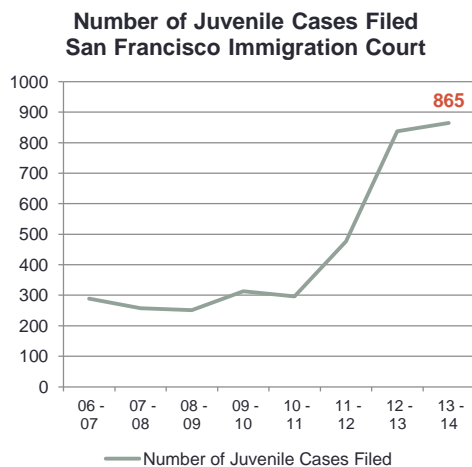
Snapshot of Services in the Bay Area

Count of Organizations*	
Faith-based	5
Legal Services	35
School Districts (explicitly funded positions)	5
Philanthropy	10
Social services	34
University Partners	4
Total	93

- Federal - Office of Refugee Resettlement
- County and city services
 - “Sanctuary Cities” - Tradition of support for newcomers
 - Fill in gaps for federal services
- Faith-based organizations
- Legal organizations
- Social services
 - School, medical, mental health, etc.

*Running tally, ABAG Analysis 2015 (see handout with list of organizations)

Legal Services



- Caseload spikes immigration court in 2014
 - All cases in Northern California heard in the San Francisco immigration court
 - Surge docket, or “rocket docket”
- Increase in funds devoted to the issue
 - Bar Association, “Attorney of the Day”
 - Legal Collaboratives

*Source: Syracuse University’s Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) Immigration Project

Social services

- Largely “post-release” services for UCs released to sponsors
- Increased funds for social services, but not as much financial support as legal services
- Schools often a hub for other social service organizations to access UCs
 - UC coordinators at SFUSD and Oakland unified school districts; Hayward is hiring

Some Promising Practices

- Bay Area collaboratives
- Model coordination: in-house social and legal services
- Strong faith-based response
- Innovative partnerships, leveraging resources (ex, universities)
- Host programs: alternative routes to sponsorship
- UC coordinators in School Districts

Challenges



Gaps emerging from interviews

→ Family/sponsor challenges

- Rushed placement with sponsors
- Less services to sponsors/families
 - Families in need
 - Managing trauma
 - Pressure on child to pay debt

→ Funding and sustainability

- Funds are short-term
- Surge in initiatives, unclear how they will be sustained
- Public interest fading, services still needed

Gaps emerging from interviews

→ Access to services

- Gaps in coordination among services, particularly for social services

→ Mobilizing smaller counties

- Trends point to growth in immigration to suburbs
- Dependence on traditional “gateway cities”

Challenges cited in Surveys

Note: Preliminary responses

→ Social services survey

- Funding sources overly restrict services or population that can be served

→ Legal services survey

- More administrative support, Volunteer/pro bono help, Mental health experts

Next steps



Special note: Immigrant women with children

Gets less attention

Different needs as compared to UCs

- Public funds limited to children only
- Placed in for-profit detention centers

Need increase resources for this population

Next steps

Forum:

- Gather your input and facilitate collaboration among practitioners

Research:

- Finish report - more survey responses, cost estimates, North Bay – to be shared during future gathering

Carrying the work forward

- Share report and findings widely
- Clearinghouse – consolidate lists
- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara

Thank you!

